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MEMORANDUM FOR: Sec Distribution

SUBJECT : CIA Handling of Drug-Related Requests
Under FOIA

I am forwarding the attached memorandum of 10 February from the Office of Technical Service with my endorsement thereof. I draw your attention particularly to the request in paragraph 4 that "complete, legible, unsanitized copies" be provided to OTS in order to allow this centralized system of search and review to function effectively.



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Chief, Information and Privacy Staff

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1. This is a follow-up clarification of an OTS memorandum dated 19 November 1975, and an IPS follow-on memorandum, same subject, dated 28 January 1976. The proposal has been interpreted as intending to centralize not only the files but the releasing authority as well. This was not the intent. The proposal was that one authority would research one set of integrated files, thereby saving the time and effort of six different locations doing similar searches, and draft a product believed to be releasable. That draft would then be reviewed by all other parties with an equity in the product. OTS has no desire to assume the sanitizing responsibilities of the other involved offices.

2. Possibly as a result of the above misunderstanding there has been a reluctance of some of the offices to turn over to OTS unsanitized copies of drug files. Sanitized files are incomplete files, and as such cannot be used to give a definitive statement on the content of original files. Without a set of complete, unsanitized, files on drug related activity, OTS cannot agree to assume the suggested responsibility.

3. In summary, the proposal as now clarified is:

a. Centralize and index all files relating to the research, experimentation, use, etc. of drugs by the CIA in OTS.

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b. OTS has the responsibility to draft replies to FOIA requests relating to the CIA experience with drugs.

c. OTS' draft response will be coordinated with all CIA components which have an identifiable interest in the documents used as reference material.

d. The Information and Privacy Staff will use the OTS draft and coordinating comments to write the FOIA release.

4. Information and Privacy Staff is requested to please inform the various drug file holders to furnish OTS with complete, legible, unsanitized copies of their drug files.

5. The OTS officer who will have the responsibility for drug searches and coordination will be [redacted] OTS/MPS, Extension [redacted]

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